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Full Text Of President Wilson's Message, Delivered In Congress Today, Will Be Found On Page 10

REASSURANCE TO HONEST BUSINESS

Legislative Program Is Com- BRANDEGEE HELD pleted, He Says, and Road Is Open to "Ungrudged, Unclouded Success."

DIGRESSES FROM TEXT OF MESSAGE

Appearing In Person Before Congress, President Gets Hearty Welcome - Deplores Militarism Spirit.

Washington, Dec. 8-President Wilson departed from the prepared text of his annual address to congress today which was devoted principally to answering those who contend the United States is unprepared for national defense, to give notice to the business world that the legislative pro-gram of his administration as it af-

gram of his administration as it affects regulation of business was virtually completed. He said it had resulted in a clear road for business to travel to "unclouded success."

Honest businessmen, the President said, need have nothing to fear in treading the way outlined in the trust and currency bills. While the President dealt but briefly upon the subject, his words were interpreted as an assurance that no further important business legislation was contemplated.

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Our program of legislation with re-gard to the regulation of business is now virtually complete. It has been put forth, as we intended, as a whole, and leaves no conjecture as to what is to follow. The road at last lies clear and firm before business. It is a road which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is a road to un-grudged, unclouded success. In it every honest man, every man who believes that the public interest is part of his own interest, may walk with perfect confidence."

In the text of his address which touched upon the administration legislative program for the session, arging passage of bills, for Philippine independence, government owned merchant marine and some other prondependence, government owned perchant marine and some other pro-lects begun but unfinished at the last ession, the President devoted much me to the question of national de-

The Democratic members of both houses greeted with applause and aughter his declaration that some and that "we shall not turn America crashing thorugh a window and bur-into a military camp." us are nervous and excited"

eading his address.

The President began reading slowly years. and deliberately and his voice was a trifle husky. He was first interrupted when he asserted that "we have stunted and hindered the growth of our merchant marine." Scattered ap-

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More handclapping greeted President's statement that the bill for the building of government shipping lines to South and Central America

The Democratic side of the chamber applanded loudly and at length when the President, in discussing na-tional defense, declared that the coun-

gainst Arthur W. Weed and others of Stamford. The court finds Harris The steamer Brodmount arrived at service is second only to that of Alder-

FOR TRIAL UNDER BOND OF \$5,000

Housekeeper for Wealthy Resident Gives Bail for Shooting Up Hotel Atlas

For running amuck on Fairfield avenue last night in real wild western style, shooting up of the Hotel Atlas and attempting revolver practice on Policeman Mendelssohn, William S. Brandegee of Seabright avenue, Black Rock, wealthy yachting and automobile enthusiast, factory owner and man-about-town, must stand trial at the February term of superior court. Arraigned on a charge of assault with intent to kill upon former Special Po-liceman Harry Hart, now employed as doorman at the Hotel Atlas, Brandegee offered no defense other than that he could not remember his antics. Judge Wilder found probable cause and fixed bonds at \$5,000, which were furnished by Catherine Labhart, housekeeper at the home of the ac-

Sitting in city court dock among those accused of far less serious of-fenses, Brandegee, following a night in a cell, presented little appearance of a man well off financially. He appeared to be in a daze. His right hand was heavily bandaged, a result of get-ting the full force of Policeman Men-delssohn's night stick when he attempted to shoot. Dr. Weldon, emergency hospital surgeon, examined the injury and found indications of a

injury and found indications of a fractured bone.

Brandegve said that, as one automobile enthusiast, he had dropped in to congratulate Prof. Atlas, a personal friend, and another auto enthusiast, upon his recent lucky escape. He admitted shapping the professor between the shoulders as a mark of congratulations. The next he knew, he said, ulations. The next he knew, he said,

Atlas told of Brandegee's appearance under the influence of liquor, how he warned him to be careful in his acns and how the visitor became very ense, deploring a policy of militar- wrought. It was then that the order went forth to get rid of him and he was thrown out bodily. No more was he outside than out came a .38-calibre revolver and a steel-nosed bullet came

into a military camp."

"And especially when half the world is on fire." said the President, we shall be careful to make our moral insurance against the spread of the conflagration very definite and certain and adequate indeed."

This sentiment was favorably received on both sides of the chamber. The President's address, the longest he has yet delivered to Congress, occupied about 40 minutes in the readquarters it was followed in the read-two other .28 calibre guns in his pock-ets ready for business. One attempt Galleries packed to doors and Sen- to get him out of a cell on ball was

Galleries packed to doors and Sentiors and representatives crowded upon the floor of the hall of the House, awaited the arrival of the President. Seven members of the cabinet had seats just before the apeaker's desk, including Secretary Bryan who deserted his usual place in the diplomatic gallery.

The President entered the chamber exactly at 12:30 o'clock greeted by appiause and cheers as he shook hands with the Speaker and the Vice-President. A moment later he began reading his address.

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plause greeted the statement. After speaking of the inotable record" of legislation of the administration, the President departed from the

Washington, Dec. 8-President Wilson announced today that he had instructed the state department to Laney now occupies. Alderman Rosmake a full investigation of published well now has the seat that Alderman bride at Laurel Beach. Mrs. Wilson cases formerly had.

Casey formerly had. The road for business to travel, the resident declared, was "clear and charges against James M. Sullivan, irm." A road which business could

EDDIE COLLINS OF ATHLETICS SOLD

MERCHANTS ARE WIFE'S PEOPLE SPLIT ON PLAN TO ENTER BOARD

Lively Meeting Expeced Tonight When Special Committee Reports

STRONG OPPOSITION TO LOSING IDENTITY

Claims Organization Will Be Handicapped By Move

At a meeting of the Business Men's ssociation called for tonight when the special committee reports on plans divorce suit, was witnessed today in for amalgamation into a larger body, it is likely that there will be further hot discussion over the question of joining under the present rules. An pee. Steinhart accentaged committee was instructed to intolerable cruelty. get further information about the byof the proposed "Board of

older members of the Business Men's was put up to the entire membership Mrs. Edward Collings, mother of the there would probably be one of the defendant, testified about the vile lanin its history.

"Our organization at the present by the wife. time," said this official, "has an enviable record. We have been interested in many projects that have been now under consideration which will probably be approved by the State Business Men's Association and ikely to go before the legislature and be reported favorably. We also have a large fund in our treasury.

"Under the new plan, we would secure but mere representation upon the board of directors of the larger organization and as has happened in New Haven, our identity would probably become so merged with the larger organization that our past and uture work would be lost sight of "Further, it would probably mean that as an organization our membership would eventually dwindle as it is (Continued on Page 4.)

TO DEMOCRATS **ROUSES PROTEST**

In Violation of Custom, He Relegates Experienced Members of Council

MORAN OUSTED FROM

played by Mayor Wilson in the make ment.
up of the aldermanic committees was whether manship of any committee and in the seating arranagements the same policy was followed and Alderman Wil-liam J. Moran, chosen democratic leader, as he begins his fourth term n the common council, was relegated to a seat in the back row at the right hand end, a seat below and in the

Adderman Fred V. Delaney who lieutenant-governor on Wednesday, was one of the committee on seatling arrangements gets Alderman John Moran's former seat. Alderman John for a house in Farmington avenue in council was removed from his seat in the front row next to Alderman Moran, and placed in a seat in the rear, back of the seat Alderman Denated the seat Alderman Denated the seat Alderman Ros.

row on the side that was given to that party. Always it has been the custom of the Democratic party to place on important committees Re-publicans who had seen service in the common council. It has been the custom of Democrats when in power TO CHICAGO SOX to place on the committee on ordinances all members of the council who were lawyers, without regard to their political faith.

Alderman Moran whose length of identification of his assailants.

DIVORCE ACTION

New Haven Man Asserts Wife Was Intolerably Cruel She Fights Suit

ALLEGES HUSBAND HAD A FRIEND

Woman's Brother Testifies He Heard Her Threaten To Knife Husband

The spectacle of her mother and brother testifying against a wife in action of Ervin E. Steinhart of New Haven, against Elsle Steinhart of Rowayton, was started before Judge Bur-Steinhart accuses his wife of general denial.

Herbert Collings, brother of the wife. Trade."

A prominent official of the Bridgeport Business Men's Association fold
Steinhart lived together. He had a reporter for The Farmer that the heard Mrs. Steinhart call her children older members of the Business Men's vile names. He regalled hearing Mrs. association were strongly opposed to Steinhart say she would rip her hus-joining and that when the proposition band up the back with a knife.

keenest fights that has been recorded guage she heard Mrs. Steinhart use. She also told of various acts of cruelty

Steinhart declared his wife had a violent temper. She once bit him on the finger and on another occasion a benefit to the state as well as to threw a coffee pot at him. Once she Bridgeport. We have other matters threatened to cut him with a knife. After she left Steinhart said he tried to induce his wife to return but she declared she would "fix him if he didn't leave her alone."

When Herbert Collings was under ross examination he was asked if teinhart hadn't used profane language to his wife during a stormy interview after the separation. The witness denled hearing Steinhart talk in that Mrs. Steinhart had an array of wit-

igorously. She claims her husband was too friendly with a New Haven tenographer but does not allege in-The Steinharts were married Sep-tember 24, 1902.

LUDUI AIDS GARDNER IN

Washington, Dec. 8-President Wilson told callers today he favored the disclosure of all facts connected with the preparedness of the United States for national defense and believed that while the subject should be discussed as fully as possible, the whole ques-tion hinged on the method of inves-HIS FORMER SEAT tigation. The commission plan pro-

WAR PROBE?

disapproved. Small Consideration Given the President said he had no special knowledge of the existence of any to Minority Representation sion at this time but he intimated he believed there was such an organized effort. He declared that his correspondence showed widespread op-The part of "small town" politics United States in a militarist move-The President refused to say whether he believed partisanship enthe talk of the city hall today. Even tered into the efforts to investigate the Gibraltar for 14, days. He was later Republican officials were surprised at the treatment accorded old members ship should not be mentioned by govof the common council. No single ernment officials in connection with a Democrat was selected for the chair-subject concerning foreign relations.

MAYOR TO LIVE IN HARTFORD SOON

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, who since car of that which he formerly oc-upled in the front row. lleutenant-governor on Wednesday,

H. Casey, the only attorney in the the Capital city and that he intends

Always when the Democrats when the period as evening when the Always when the Democrats of the new common council were income republic.

Always when the Democrats were leader of the new common council were income republic. the Republican party in the front today that his address after he became lieutenant-governor, for the time that he was in Hartford, would probably be man spy. I could feel that I was in the Allyn house.

ARREST TWO AS SUSPECTS IN VICIOUS ASSAULT

Believed to be responsible for a Saturday night in the West End and officials in on weak manner who I was by the South African Union, shall sending him to a hospital in a serious and how I felt at being placed under cease. from the field a nation of men trained to arms." Another outburst greeted his declaration to the Chicago Americans. According to Connie Mack, manager of the against a compulsory military service.

This also been the custom when sending him to a hospital in a serious to the chicago Americans. According to the Chicago sending him to a hospital in a serious and how I felt at being placed under condition Frank Stefan and Steve Kish arrest. I was discharged at once with of 984 Wordin avenue were arrested profuse apology. Judge Burpes in the superior court today handed down a decision in the action of Benjamin Harris of Darien city.

Adheres, negoriations have been under the deal mayor has utterly ignored Alderman can being held for investigation. Popowitch is being questions as these committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored Alderman can alternate the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the construction of the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the construction of the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the contracts being signed in that important committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the contracts being signed in that important committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the contracts being signed in that important committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the contracts being signed in that important committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the contracts being signed in that important committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored alderman can be in the contracts being signed in that important committees are concerned the mayor has utterly ignored.

AGAINST HER IN CAPTURE OF LODZ GOSTS MORE THAN 200,000

Unusually Heavy Casualties Marked Great Campaign In Poland, Petrograd Reports-Number of High Officers Killed Reported to Be Very Large.

BERLIN CLAIMING 100,000 PRISONERS

German Capital Says Number of Captives Is Largest of Any One Conflict In War-Turkish Officers In Training Service With Army That Took Lodz.

Petrograd, Dec. 8—The Bourse Gas ette estimates the German casualties the month of fighting around Lods at 100,000 and says the percentage of oss is particularly high among the commanding and commissioned offiers. Even colonels and occasionally generals, it says, remained on the firing line until they were able to escape only by means of motorcycles.

According to wounded German officers in the prison camp at Belostock, Russia, a number of Turkish officers serving in the German army in Poland. It is said that they have been training in the German military schools and were drafted on account of the lack of competent officers. Two Turkish officers who were sent from Constantinopie to Berlin on a mission in connection with the shipment of war supplies, are said to have be pressed into the service in Poland.

London, Dec. 8.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that it de reported there that upwards of 100,000 prisoners were taken by the Germans when they captured Lodz, Russian Poland.

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.-The Berliner Tageblatt, in commenting on the capture of Lodz, Poland, by the Germans, considers that it may positively be called a victory if the Russian retreat is followed by a German pursuit.

If such pursuit is victorious, says the Tageblatt, then the German center will be strong enough to act forci-bly against the nothern and southern part of a broken Russian army.

BRIDGEPORTER HELD AS KAISER'S SPY

Napoleon H. Gill, Chief Engineer of Kroonland, Seized By Italian Police

Napoleon H. Gill, chief engineer of the steamer "Kroonland," formerly flying the Belgian flag of the Red Star ine, but later admitted to American registry, has returned to this city after an eventful trip in which his ship was detained by a British warship at present in Greece when the two Greclan owned American warships, manded by a Bridgeporter, arrived, and was taken in Italy for a German

Mr. Gill left New York with the Kroonland October 16, and returned to that city November 6. He will again leave this city tomorrow, having run up here to see his wife and daughter who live on Lewis street. He will leave New York tomororw for Newport News. Following the renovating as of the big ship in dry-dock it make a trip through the Panama canal and around the Horn.

In speaking of the last passage the well known Bridgeport engineer said: "We were all very much surprised to be halled at Gibraltar where we had to lay to for fourteen days until our ship was released. We proceeded to Naples where he discharged cargo and ok on another for Parus, Greece.

"While in Naples I was walking upon the street, when I was suddenly grabbed from behind. My arms were pinioned and before I knew it I was being arraigned in an Italian police somewhat of a predicament, and was more inceused at the indignity to which I was being subjected than inclined to be worried. I ascribe my release more to my Irish descent and capability of talking strongy than to icious assault upon Steve Popowitch my American passports, for I told the "Our ship was in Greece when the

been bought by the Grecian govern-ment arrived. I understood that they ed closely upon his hospital cot this had American crews, but as no shore afternoon in an attempt to secure an leave was granted in that port by any of the ships at anchor, I was unable to go aboard and look up Commander Darlen about which there was a dispute.

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Summary War News

Official advices from Berlin to day confirm the reports that the allies have assumed the offensive in France and Belgium, but do not indicate that the movement has yet grown to formidable proportions. The attacks, it is said, have been few in number and have been defeated. Private despatches from Holland are to the effect that fierce fighting is in progress along the Yser Canal. These reports are in partial agreement with the latest official French communications, which however, tend to show that the forward movement of the allies is being attempted at points all along the line.

Berlin is looking forward to a possible investment of Warsaw as a result of the capture of Lodz, Russian Poland.

In the Balkans, Austria's armies apparently have met with checks in their operations, which recently have been attended with marked success. An official state-ment from Nish says that the Austrians have been overwhelmed by the Servians in the recent fighting and have retired in disorder, losing 1,800 men. Reports from Cettinje state that the Austrians delivered several vio-lent attacks against the monteneforces but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Official World's War

GERMAN

Berlin, Dec. 9, by wireless to London.-The official statement issued by the German headquarters today says: condition of the roads, made worse by the recent torrential rain, is causing: great difficulty to the movements of

our troops. "To the north of Arras we have "The war hospital at Lissle, was burned down yesterday. This is prob-ably a case of arson. There were, however, no lives lost.

"The statement made by the French regarding an advance in the forest of Argonne is not in accordance with the facts. For a long time past no French attacks whatever have taken place there. On the contrary, we are continually gaining ground slowly. "The day before yesterday a French position at Malincourt, east of Varenness was captured. The greater part of the garrison fell on this occasion."

FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 8.-Increased activity on the part or the Germans in Belgium was reported in the official statement given out this afternoon. The statement is as follows:

"During the day of the 7th the enemy has been more active than the day before, in the region of the Yser and in the neighborhood of Ypres. Our artillery has answered back with

"In the region of Arras a very brilliant attack has given us possession. It was this advance which almost as we have announced, of Vermelles reached the walls of Warsaw, but the and Rutoire. Vermelles had been for Russians repulsed it in time not only nearly two months the scene of des-driving back the Germans to their perate fighting. The enemy had tak- own borders but throwing the Cosen footing there on Oct. 16 and from sack advance patrols into Silesia. This Oct. 21 to Oct. 25 succeeded in forcing feat was acclaimed by the Russians

and mining operations brought us with reinforcements, beat back the back until we were again in close con-tact and on the first of December we position notwithstanding the fact that re-occupied the park and chateau of Vermelles. "In the region of the Aisne and in feat.

Champagne there have been some artillery engagements and our heavy artillery dispersed several gatherings of the enemy. "In the Argonne, Forest of Grurie and to the northwest of Pont A Mous-

son, Forest of Le Pretro, we have gained a little ground." WOULD END WAR

IN AFRICA NOW Berlin, Dec. 8—By wireless to Lon-don—Dr. Solf, the secretary of colonles, states that the German government does not intend to permanently occupy the South African Union. Germany desires, he says, that the hos-tilities which were forced upon her

Tokio, Dec. 8-Japan's budget for the coming year shows estimated extwo American warships which had penditures of \$278,000,000 and a subscribed revenue of \$40,500,000. The has caused a decrease of \$8,500,000 feeding them. in the customs.

THE WEATHER.

Recapture of Lodz Opens Way for German-Austrian Forces to Follow Railway Warsaw - Russian Lines of Communication Are Now In Danger.

WORLD SPECULATING HOW BATTLE WAS WON

Withdrawal of German Troops In West May Have Been to Help In Great Poland Campaign-Lines In East Not Weakened Say British Experts.

London, Dec. 8-While the allied armies in the west grope their way forward cautiously, grappling with the Germans here and here for slight advantages, the great struggle in Poland continues with the Germans for the time being apparently scoring the most points.

Russia has not yet fully conceded the occupation of Lods, but in view of the repeated German claims and the Russian admission of the reforms tion of her battle line there, it would seem that the German center has achieved this goal, upset ing what for a time was halled as a locality Nuesian victory. The capture of Lodz, if indeed accomplished, what threaten the Pursuan Management of the Pur if indeed accomplished, who threaten the Russian line of communication with Warsaw, that is to say, the great arterial rallway which runs disgonal-ly, across Poland from Czenstochowa to the Pollsh capital. Details of the battle are still lacking, however, and it remains to be seen whether the Germans will be able to make a fur-ther advance.

Whether the German achiev "On the coast of Flanders, the bad in Poland have been accomplished by means of bringing up reinforcements from the western battlefront, is a matter of considerable debate. A despatch from Petrograd says it has been learned authoritatively there that the Germans transferred six army corps and five cavalry division from the west to the east, but there has been so much unfounded speculation as to the movements of German troops that all reports of this nature must be dis-

It is true that the tendency of the Germans in the west has been inclin-ing more toward the defensive but London papers caution the public that there is nothing to indicate that the German forces have been weakened seriously by shifts of troops to the

The fighting in Poland has been different from that which has taken place anywhere else in the war area since the outbreak of hostilities. In the west the allies have always been able to hold their ground after an advance, but the present recapture of Lodz marks the third invasion of

Poland since the war began, The first was made from the south by Austro-Hungurian forces, August. The Russians checked this movement in September. Later the Austrians concentrated around Cracow and made a second advance, in concert with a German forward move-ment from Breslau, Posen and Thorn. us back from that locality.

"From the 25th of October sapping march on Berlin but the Germans at the time as the forerunner to a for a long time they were surrounded and threatened with a disastrous de-

> Today Berlin is celebrating with enthusiasm the occupation of Lodz.

Amsterdam, Dec. 8-According to telegrams from Sluis, Holland, flerce fighting has been resumed on the Yser. The Germans, according to the same despatches, are taking renewed pre-cautions against the bombardment of Zeebrugge by British warships. Windows and balconies in the houses at the seaside there are being provided with sandbags and machine guas in order to reply to such an attack,

Copenhagen, Dec. 8-Pjanof, a Russian court councillor, has arrived here to undertake negotiations with the Danish and German rallway for the transportation of 200,000 Russian civilians who are now interned to Germany. It is said the Germans de-sire to be relieved of the necessity of

London, Dec. 8-News of the capture of Lodz, it was reported here to-day, aroused extraordinary entitusi-asm at Berlin. No official report has yet been received concerning the miniber of prisoners and guns captured.